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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am a Montana State Representative serving Montana's largest community, Billings, and want to share my support for the Charter, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks merger. The new company would bring additional benefits to my constituents but more importantly extend much needed broadband services into rural communities across the state.

Charter already offers many services in our area that businesses need to prosper and have been solid corporate citizens in our community. But Montana has many regions that lack adequate broadband access, thus limiting growth and business activity in those communities.

The New Charter would expand these services across its entire footprint and has committed to offering access at up to 10 Gbps speeds for businesses, schools and libraries, and businesses ranging from sole proprietors to large corporations with options tailored to meet their varying needs.

They have also committed to invest in the build out of one million line extensions in order to expand their high-speed services to underserved and unserved rural areas. This will help foster the same economic opportunity across Montana that we in larger communities enjoy.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully request your quick and positive support of this merger. We are looking forward to seeing New Charter begin work on expanding and offering much needed services across our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly McCarthy".